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)	SHARING USER INFORMATION
)	IN A GROUP COMMUNICATION
)	NETWORK
Serial No. 10/756,163)	
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b. Prior to September 5, 2003, the invention was designed and tested as described and claimed in the subject patent application and as presented in Exhibit B "PTM Relay Code Folder", a screen shot of source code wherein the source code is maintained in a ptmrelay folder. The source code file folder indicates the last time that the source code was modified. Exhibit C, "File Header from RelayAgent.CPP" is presented to show a typical header of the source files in this folder.

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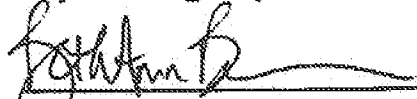
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EXHIBIT B:
PTM Relay Code Folder:

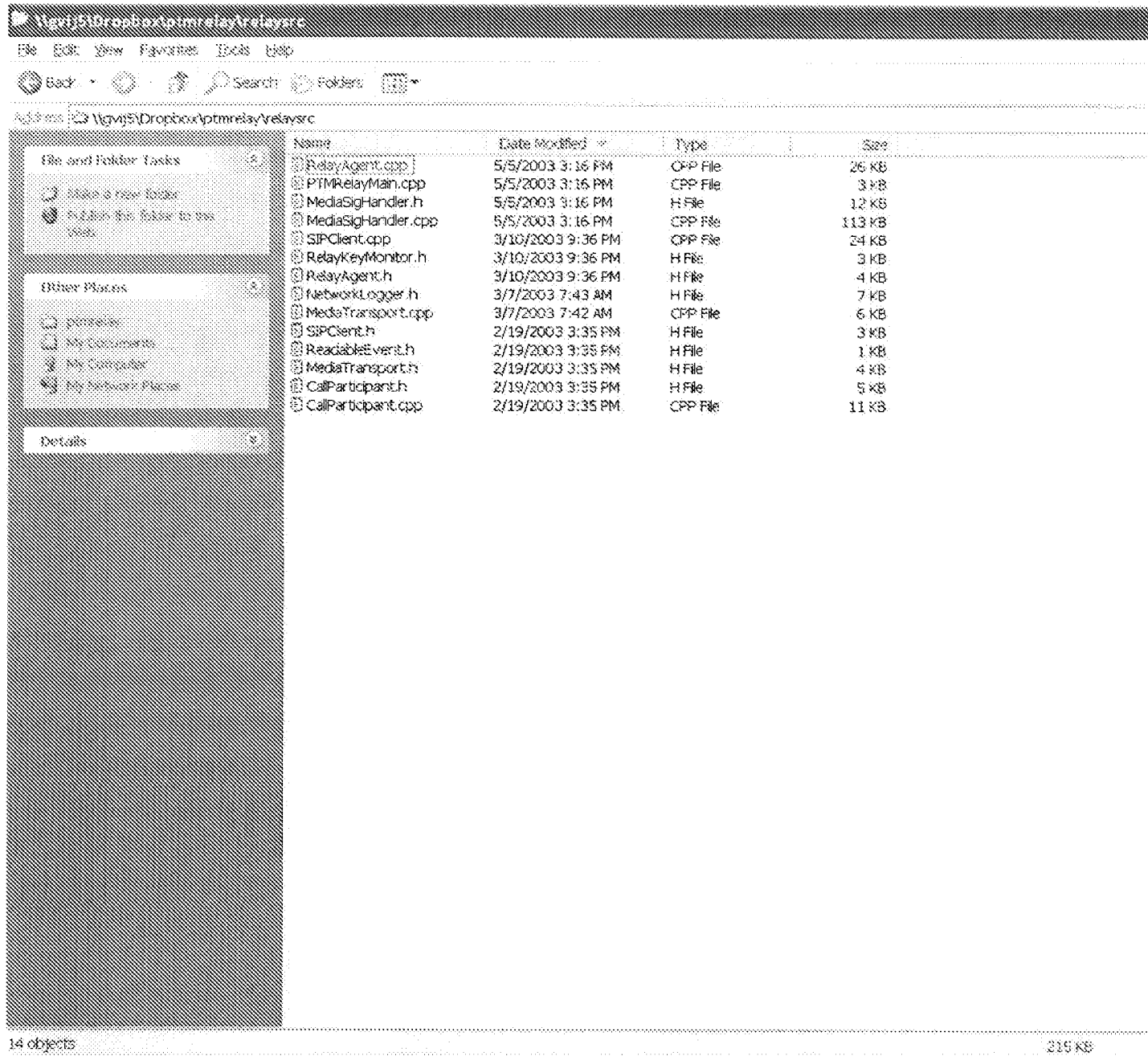


EXHIBIT C:
File Header from RelayAgent.CPP

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FILE:

SERVICES:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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#include "RelayAgent.h"



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EXHIBIT A

QUALCOMM INCORPORATED INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM (IDF)

IDF # 030640

Title:	User Initiated Presence Detection in a Wireless Network
Keywords:	push-to-talk, push-to-video, push-to-media, PTT, PTV, PTM, Instant Multi-Media IMM, Voice-over-IP VOIP, Chat, QChat
Description of the problem solved and the advantage(s) of the invention:	This invention is a novel approach to the problem of Presence Detection in a Wireless Network. Presence Detection is the process with which a user selectively informs one or more users, or members of a user defined group, or a combination of the two, it comes comes 'Online', and is available for a PTT, IMM, or Chat session.
Description of how others have solved the stated problem:	The conventional approach to presence detection requires a centralized server. The server notifies each user in a group when other members log in.
Brief description of the invention:	The novel approach to Presence Detection is to have each user alert members of its group when it comes online. This eliminates the configuration problem associated with Server based solutions. Users configure their group lists. Users can also belong to multiple groups and switch between groups without requiring configuration changes at the server.
Description of how the invention solves the stated problem and achieves the stated advantage(s):	Presence detection is achieved through point-to-point Alerts or Group Alerts (point-to-multipoint) on powerup (Hello) and shutdown (Bye). Additional Alerts can be sent periodically to detect if a User has gone down without sending a bye (to detect powerloss or loss of coverage) Here is an example of using User initiated point-to-point Alerts to maintain a list of "Online" users: On powerup, user A sends a "Hello" Alert to each member in its group (A, B, and C). If a point-to-point guaranteed delivery alert is used, user A receives an Ack if the message is delivered or a Nak if it isn't. If an Ack is received from User B and a Nak from User C, User A determines that User B is already online and User C is not. When User B (who is already online) receives a Hello Alert from User A, User B determines that User A has come online. When User A goes offline, User A sends a "Bye" message to all online users. When User B receives a "Bye" message from user A, User B determines that User A is no longer online.

Date simulation was completed on:

Date device was completed on: 3/17/2003

Date final simulation was completed:

Related invention disclosures, patent applications and patents:

Attachments included?: No

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